Bill Pribil, Sheriff

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## Timberline/Fern wood Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Tuesday, January 5, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Summit Fire Station #33

Flagstaff, AZ –Coconino County Sheriff, Bill Pribil and Coconino County Supervisor Liz Archuleta would like to invite residents of the Timberline and Fernwood community to the monthly Neighborhood Watch meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2010. The meeting will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Summit Fire Station 33, 6050 Firehouse Lane, off of North Highway 89. Supervisor Liz Archuleta will provide refreshments for the meeting.

Coconino County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Jim Driscoll and Supervisor Liz Archuleta will be available to answer questions and provide support to this partnership between law abiding citizens, law enforcement and county government.

Chief Deputy Jim Driscoll and Supervisor Liz Archuleta will available to answer questions and encourage continued community participation in the Neighborhood Watch Program. At the request of Neighborhood Watch participants during the previous meeting, representatives of the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) and the Armature Radio Emergency Services (ARES) will give a presentation on Armature Radios to include licensing requirements, general operation and how armature radio operators assist during times of emergencies.

Neighborhood Watch is similar to the Block Watch program commonly conducted in urban areas, and goes back to the concept of "neighbors looking out for neighbors" that many people remember from 30 years ago. It is one of the most effective ways to prevent and deter criminal activity, attend to home and personal security, address the safety of our children and the elderly, and to alleviate fear and isolation. Residents learn how to observe and report suspicious activity and reduce the risk of becoming a crime victim.

For more information about the Neighborhood Watch program and the meeting schedule, please call the Coconino County Sheriff's Office at (928) 226-5089.